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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 6/14/76

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #:

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Title:

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Riverside Restaurant insured for \$650,000 destroyed by arson on 4/29/74. Subject has not been in Chicago area since restaurant destroyed. |

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CG T-2 said that there are several building code violations at the Riverside Restaurant and that the electrical inspector of North Riverside, Illinois, Fire Chief BOLLINGER, was paid off to overlook the electrical and other violations at the restaurant.

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CG T-4 said that FRANK BUCCIERI has a hidden one half interest in the Riverside Restaurant with [REDACTED]

On April 5, 1974, [REDACTED] Executive Coordinator Division of Fire Prevention, State of Illinois, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago advised that he had conducted an inspection of the premises at the Riverside Restaurant, 8406 West 26th Street.

North Riverside, Illinois on April 4, 1974. He said the inspection disclosed a fire hazard condition as prohibited by Illinois State Law. He said an order was issued on April 4, 1974 to [redacted] of record of the Riverside Restaurant that [redacted] had thirty days to comply with eliminating a listed twelve fire hazards.

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[redacted] made available a copy of the order and said that it would cost several thousand dollars for the Riverside to remedy the violations.

On April 29, 1974, at 5:30 AM a fire broke out in the Riverside Restaurant which resulted in a total loss to the premises.

[redacted] Division of Fire Prevention, advised on April 30, 1974 that preliminary investigation by his office showed definite evidence of arson. Nine plastic five gallon containers of gasoline were evidently in the basement of the building. Five containers had exploded, but four remained intact. b6 b7C

CG T-5 advised that [redacted] was at the restaurant at 5:00 AM on April 29, 1974. Insurance carried on the premises amounted to over \$500,000 and [redacted] is not worried about collecting and feels the authorities cannot tie him to the arson.

CG T-7 advised in May 1974 that FRANK BUCCIARI was out of the Chicago area on April 29, 1974 when the Riverside Restaurant burned down. [redacted] is reportedly extremely distressed over the loss of the restaurant and had nothing to do with the arson. The restaurant was reportedly insured for \$100,000, and [redacted] is planning to rebuild when the insurance money is settled.

CG T-7 advised that [redacted] and FRANK BUCCIERI have known each other for years and that [redacted] was reportedly the true owner of the Riverside and had mortgaged his house to put money into the Riverside.

CG T-7 advised that the Riverside has had four managers since [redacted] has operated it. The managers were [redacted] and [redacted] who managed at the time of the fire. [redacted] was a bartender at the time and at the time of the fire, [redacted] was the bartender.

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CG-T-5 advised in April 1974 that an individual called [redacted] from Milwaukee, who hangs out at Sally's Restaurant reportedly had something to do with the arson job on the Riverside. [redacted] is recently out of Sandstone prison, in his late 30's, is fat and has an arm amputated. [redacted] is believed to have served time for carrying a gun while helping FRANK BUCCIERI investigate the break-in of SALLY PAPIA's apartment in Milwaukee a year or so ago.

CG T-10 advised in June 1974 that as of June 10, 1974,
FRANK BUCCIERI was reportedly in Palm Springs, California.
BUCCIERI has not been in the Chicago area since the Riverside
Restaurant was "torched" in April 1974.

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Date: 10/31/74

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: [REDACTED]

Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title:

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Payout has not been made to
[REDACTED] for loss of Riverside Restaurant by insurance
company at Chicago.

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BUCCIERI is reportedly
depressed because he has not received the insurance
money from the Riverside Restaurant.

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Date of transcription 7/23/74

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and advised as follows:

[redacted] of the Riverside Restaurant and Lounge, 8406 West 26th Street, North Riverside, Illinois. The restaurant burned to the ground on April 29, 1974, and was insured for a total of \$568,000 with Travellers Insurance Company, 175 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois. At the present time no payout of insurance money has been made, but is expected within the next few months.

Investigation to date by the local authorities in North Riverside, Illinois, and by the State Fire Marshal has determined the cause of the fire to be arson. [redacted] does not anticipate a major problem in collecting the insurance money inasmuch as he had nothing to do with burning down the restaurant. Mi-Lor Corporation is the insured and is owned entirely by [redacted] and his wife [redacted].

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[redacted] stated the premises was insured by Travellers Insurance Company as follows with the policy being written by Centennial Agency, Crystal Lake, Illinois, on April 1, 1974:

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Premises | \$325,000 |
| Contents | 150,000 |
| Business Interruption | 65,000 |
| Building of former | |
| Citgo Gas Station | 28,000 |
| Total | \$568,000 |

All business records were salvaged from the fire and are in the possession of [redacted] Certified Public Accountant

Interviewed on 7/11/74 at Chicago, Illinois File # 1
by SAs HAROLD K. JOHNSON and
AUGUST C. KEMPF HKJ/dcl Date dictated 7/18/74

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of the Accounting Firm of Callero and Callero, Certified Public Accountants, 7800 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois (telephone 966-2040).

[redacted] said he is personally all but wiped out by the loss of the restaurant and listed his liabilities as follows:

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| \$75,000 | Berwyn National Bank, first mortgage on premises. (payments \$700 per month) |
| \$160,000 | [redacted] land contract (second mortgage, payments \$1,687.50 per month) |
| \$50,000 | Colonial Bank, mortgage on premises at 2359 North McVickers, Chicago, (payments \$400 per month). This loan was made in order to put entire amount into the business. |
| \$50,000 | [redacted] loan taken out when addition purchased from Citgo Company in April, 1973, for \$84,500. (payments \$700 per month) |
| \$100,000 | Numerous purveyors including \$15,000 to Roberts Meat Packers and \$6,400 owed to Great Linen Supply Company. |
| \$100,000 | Personal loans, including a \$40,000 unsecured loan to [redacted] of Moeller Brothers Furniture. |
| <hr/> \$535,000 | Total Liabilities |

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[] said he has absolutely no idea who burned the restaurant down. He said business was excellent and he had parties and banquets booked two years in advance. He had no known enemies and is still in a state of shock over the restaurant loss.

[] said he came into the business in 1969 and formed a corporation called Mi-Lor, Incorporated with [] who had owned the business for years. [] had a heart attack and was looking for a partner. [] had operated the Big Pit, a hamburger restaurant at Howard and Clark Street, Chicago, which is now run by [] brother. [] put no money into the business, merely furnishing his services. The corporation assumed a land contract to [] for \$200,000, payable over 15 years at \$1,687.50 per month.

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[] wanted to get out of the business and due to health and personal reasons sold his interest to [] in 1972. [] kept the corporation as Mi-Lor, gave [] \$2,200 and assumed all debts including the obligation of the land contract.

To date there is \$160,000 still owed to []

[] said that [] was never forced or muscled from the business and that there were no hidden partners or owners in the Riverside Restaurant and Lounge. FRANK BUCCIERI had no interest in the restaurant, other than being a long time friend of [] BUCCIERI grew up with [] in Chicago and [] knows all the BUCCIERIs and was acquainted with the deceased FIORE BUCCIERI.

FRANK BUCCIERI started to help out at the Riverside Restaurant and gave [] alot of help in the restaurant. BUCCIERI was responsible for alot of the business at the Riverside and his wife SALLY PAPIA from Milwaukee offered suggestions and helped to improve the business.

[redacted] when in need of money, turned to BUCCIERI who arranged for the \$40,000 loan from [redacted]. BUCCIERI may have told people that the Riverside was his restaurant.

[redacted] told his employees that they were to follow instructions at the restaurant if given by BUCCIERI as if the instructions came from [redacted] himself.

[redacted] said that although it may have appeared that BUCCIERI had an interest in the restaurant, he had no monetary interest at all. The Riverside became a hangout for many of the friends of the BUCCIERIs including [redacted]

[redacted], VICTOR SIMONE (now deceased), [redacted] and numerous other persons associated with FRANK BUCCIERI. Without the help of FRANK BUCCIERI and his influence with numerous persons the business would have failed. BUCCIERI seemed glad to do this due to his friendship with [redacted] while giving BUCCIERI a place to hang out while in Chicago.

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The following persons worked as managers or bar managers for [redacted]

[redacted] also known as [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted] and [redacted] also worked at times as a receptionist.

A Public Adjuster, [redacted] is handling the insurance claim for [redacted]

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[redacted] also known as (aka) [redacted] was interviewed [redacted] La Prima Pizza, 8951 West Cermak Road, North Riverside, Illinois (telephone 447-8475) where he advised as follows:

[redacted] was born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, and presently resides at [redacted] Illinois, [redacted].

[redacted] of The Riverside Restaurant and Lounge, 8406 West 26th Street, North Riverside, Illinois, from March through June 15, 1973. The Riverside is owned by [redacted] whom [redacted] has known for years. FRANK BUCCIARI has no known ownership interest in The Riverside, but is merely a close personal friend of [redacted].

[redacted] due to the long working hours and because he was not given a [redacted] Business at The Riverside was fair, but building, during the period [redacted].

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[redacted] frequented The Riverside as a customer until shortly before it burned down in April, 1974. He frequently saw FRANK BUCCIARI there and several persons from SALLY PAPIA's place in Milwaukee. He did not know these persons. SALLY PAPIA was also at The Riverside frequently and was responsible for decorating the place when it was remodeled. SALLY had no monetary interest in The Riverside.

[redacted] has not seen FRANK BUCCIARI in the Chicago area since April, 1974. He has heard that FRANK spends most of his time in Milwaukee.

9/3/74 North Riverside, Illinois
Interviewed on [redacted] of [redacted] File # [redacted]

SA HAROLD K. JOHNSON HKJ/pjs
by [redacted]

9/4/74
Date dictated [redacted]

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[redacted] has no idea who would have wanted to burn down The Riverside. He can not understand who would profit by the action and as far as he knows [redacted] was liked by everyone and had no enemies.

[redacted] who now operates an Italian Restaurant, Trovato's in Milwaukee, worked at The Riverside just prior to the time [redacted] was employed there. [redacted] was the bar manager and left to go to Nevada. The last bar manager [redacted] knows about was [redacted] who worked at The Riverside during the period of the fire. Both [redacted] and [redacted] were receptionists at The Riverside.

[redacted] FRANK BUCCIERI and the late FIORE BUCCIERI. His mother is ROSE BUCCIERI. [redacted] was married to [redacted] aka "TIO". TIO was a partner of JOSEPH FERRIOLA, aka JOE NEGAL in the operation of J & R Cleaners. TIO hanged himself in October, 1973. [redacted] did not get a cent from TIO's interest in J & R Cleaners. JOE NEGAL sold the business claiming TIO owed him a lot of money. TIO had been drinking a lot prior to his death and had been worrying about his debts.

[redacted] does not have real close contact with FRANK BUCCIERI and does not inquire into BUCCIERI's business interests. He said he has not seen [redacted] the wife of FIORE, since the funeral of FIORE in August, 1973. He said he was never real close to [redacted]

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On October 29, 1974, [] Property Adjustor, Travellers Insurance Company, 175 West Jackson, Chicago, advised that his company has made no settlement or payout to Mi-Lor Corporation or [] on the claimed total loss of the Riverside Restaurant and Lounge, 8406 West 26th Street, North Riverside, Illinois. [] said that his company has been shown no proof of ownership of the premises by Mi-Lor Corporation and will make no voluntary payout on the claim. [] said he expects a suit to be filed in the near future by [] to settle the claim.

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Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED]

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

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Fire loss claim on Riverside
Restaurant not settled as of March, 1975.

[REDACTED] has still not settled with the Travellers
Insurance Company for the loss of the Riverside Restaurant.

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[redacted] reportedly wanted BUCCIERI to attend an insurance hearing regarding the fire at the Riverside Reataurant, but BUCCIERI objected to this and does not want his name used at the hearing..|

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On March 6, 1975, [redacted] Property
Adjustor, Travellers Insurance Company, 175 West Jackson,
Chicago advised that his company has made no settlement
or payout to Milor Corporation or [redacted] on
the claimed loss of the Riverside Restaurant. [redacted]
has been asked to bring FRANK BUCCIERI to a hearing on
the matter, but has refused to do so and maintains that he,
[redacted] is the only owner.

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Report of:

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Office:

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Date:

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Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

CG T-1 advised in October, 1975, that FRANK BUCCIERI has not been to Chicago for some time and is afraid he will be subpoenaed to testify in the civil suit brought by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] against Charter Oaks Fire Insurance Company regarding the destruction by fire of the Riverside Restaurant and Lounge, North Riverside, Illinois. 1

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1 - Attorney-In-Charge, Chicago Field Office.Report of: SA HAROLD K. JOHNSON
Date: 6/14/74

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1998

Bureau File #: 92-6736

Title: FRANK BUCCIERI

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject reportedly in New York, Las Vegas, Palm Springs, California, Milwaukee and Chicago from period January to June, 1974. Subject and SALLY PAPIA in company of singer [redacted] in Las Vegas. Numerous associates of subject set out. Subject's daughter [redacted] married Chicago area 4/21/74 with numerous associates attending reception. Riverside Restaurant insured for \$650,000 destroyed by arson on 4/29/74. Subject has not been in Chicago area since restaurant destroyed. Subject reportedly planning to live in Palm Springs, California with SALLY PAPIA and operate night club.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 in December 1973, advised that SALLY PAPIA from Milwaukee has been traveling to Chicago frequently with FRANK BUCCIERI. PAPIA's cook from Sally's Steak House in Milwaukee has been working Sundays at the Riverside Restaurant in North Riverside, Illinois.

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CG T-2 advised in January 1974, that FRANK BUCCIERI was reportedly in New York the first part of January 1974 on "outfit" business. CG T-2 further advised that BUCCIERI has moved from his apartment in Forest Park, Illinois to somewhere in the far western suburbs of Chicago.

On December 21, 1973, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the Illinois State Department of Labor, 160 North La Salle, Chicago was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) WILLIAM F. ROEMER, Jr. and advised as follows:

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[REDACTED] had been with RICHARD CAIN and FRANK BUCCIERI at the Riverside Restaurant, North Riverside, Illinois, on the weekend prior to the killing of CAIN in gangland fashion on December 20, 1973.

[REDACTED] has been a longtime associate of FRANK BUCCIERI and regularly accompanied BUCCIERI to restaurants and night clubs in the Chicago area. [REDACTED] is acquainted with [REDACTED] business agent of Local 278, Bartenders and Beverage Dispensers Union, Chicago and knows that [REDACTED] is well acquainted with FRANK BUCCIERI, who works as a receptionist at the Riverside Restaurant, North Riverside, Illinois is to be married in April 1974..

CG T-2 further advised that FRANK BUCCIERI was back in Chicago as of March 15, 1974. CG T-2 said that there are several building code violations at the Riverside Restaurant and that the electrical inspector of North Riverside, Illinois, Fire Chief BOLLINGER, was paid off to overlook the electrical and other violations at the restaurant.

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CG T-3 advised in February 1974 that FRANK BUCCIERI and [redacted] were with RICHARD CAIN shortly before he was "hit".

CG T-4 advised in February 1974 that FRANK BUCCIERI was in Palm Springs, California in February and reportedly staying in a place owned by his late brother, FIORE BUCCIERI.

CG T-2 advised in March 1974 that FRANK BUCCIERI and SALLY PAPIA are in Palm Springs, California. BUCCIERI's daughter, [redacted]

CG T-4 in February 1974 advised that FRANK BUCCIERI has an interest in the Como Inn, Chicago. FRANK travels often between Chicago and Milwaukee and when in Milwaukee stays at the residence of SALLY PAPIA.

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~~CG T-4~~ advised that FRANK BUCCIERI and SALLY PAPIA were recently in Las Vegas Nevada and while there were reportedly in the frequent company of the well-known singer [redacted]

CG T-4 said that FRANK BUCCIERI has a hidden one half interest in the Riverside Restaurant with [redacted]

CG T-5 advised in April 1974 that [redacted] is being married on April 21, 1974 and the reception at the Riverside Restaurant will have over 400 guests.

On April 5, 1974, [redacted] Division of Fire Prevention, State of Illinois, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago advised that he had conducted an inspection of the premises at the Riverside Restaurant, 8406 West 26th Street:

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North Riverside, Illinois on April 4, 1974. He said the inspection disclosed a fire hazard condition as prohibited by Illinois State Law. He said an order was issued on April 4, 1974 to [redacted] of the Riverside Restaurant that [redacted] had thirty days to comply with eliminating a listed twelve fire hazards.

[redacted] made available a copy of the order and said that it would cost several thousand dollars for the Riverside to remedy the violations.

CG T-5 further advised in April 1974 that [redacted] the daughter of FRANK BUCCIERI was married to [redacted] at 3:00 PM, April 21, 1974 at the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, 414 West Touhy, Park Ridge, Illinois. A reception was held at the Riverside Restaurant, North Riverside, Illinois approximately 550 persons attending and occupying the entire restaurant.

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CG T-5 advised that the following persons were in attendance at the reception:

[redacted] FRANK BUCCIERI, [redacted] JAMES LA PIETRA, DONALD ANGELINI, [redacted] Illinois State Senator SAM ROMANO. [redacted] SALLY [redacted] and numerous other close associates of FRANK BUCCIERI. *Col*

CG T-5 advised that WILLIAM SIMONE, also known as VICTOR CARDELLA had been killed in gangland fashion on April 20, 1974 in Chicago. SIMONE was close to FRANK BUCCIERI and [redacted] and was assigned to give out invitations to [redacted] wedding.

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CG T-6 advised in April 1974 that around 500 persons attended the reception of the BUCCIERTI [redacted] wedding on April 21, 1974, at the Riverside Restaurant. The following 12/4 Wisconsin license plates were observed on cars at the reception:



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[redacted] Division of Fire Prevention, advised on April 30, 1974 that preliminary investigation by his office showed definite evidence of arson. Nine plastic five gallon containers of gasoline were evidently in the basement of the building. --Five containers had exploded, but four remained intact.

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CG T-7 advised that [redacted] and FRANK BUCCIERI have known each other for years and that [redacted] was reportedly the true owner of the Riverside and had mortgaged his house to put money into the Riverside.

CG T-7 said that several persons from Milwaukee had attended the BUCCIERI - [redacted] wedding including a [redacted] who was close to FRANK BUCCIERI and [redacted] and SALLY PAPIA attended the wedding and reception.

CG T-7 advised that the Riverside has had four managers since [redacted] has operated it. The managers were [redacted] and [redacted] who managed at the time of the fire. [redacted] was a bartender at the time and at the time of the fire, [redacted] was the bartender.

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CG T-8 advised in May 1974 that FRANK BUCCIERI has reportedly been in the Palm Springs California area in May 1974.. BUCCIERI is reportedly interested in locating in Palm Springs with SALLY PAPIA and possibly operating a nightclub there.

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CG T-9 advised in May 1974 that FRANK BUCCIERI is in Palm Springs, California. BUCCIERI is a close friend of [REDACTED] who is planning to purchase Jack London Restaurant in the President Hotel, Palm Springs.

CG T-10 advised in June 1974 that as of June 10, 1974, FRANK BUCCIERI was reportedly in Palm Springs, California. BUCCIERI has not been in the Chicago area since the Riverside Restaurant was "torched" in April 1974.

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Date: 10/31/74
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Title: FRANK BUCCIERI

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Source advised subject has been in Chicago, Milwaukee and Palm Springs, California. Subject reportedly interested in buying a night club and residence in Palm Springs. Interview of [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] set out. Payout has not been made to [redacted] for loss of Riverside Restaurant by insurance company at Chicago.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in July, 1974, that FRANK BUCCIERI has returned to the Chicago area and is spending time with [redacted] has been to Milwaukee with BUCCIERI. [redacted] resides in Crystal Lake, Illinois, and BUCCIERI is believed to be staying with him while in the Chicago area. CG T-1 advised that BUCCIERI spends alot of time in the Palm Springs, California, area.

CG T-1 advised in August, 1974, that FRANK BUCCIERI left for California the first week in August, 1974, after spending the weekend in Milwaukee. BUCCIERI was reportedly in Palm Springs, California, as of August 16, 1974.

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CG T-2 advised in August, 1974, that the property where Trovato's Lounge is located in Milwaukee is owned by [redacted] and FRANK BUCCIERI. b6 b7C

CG T-2 further advised in September, 1974, that FRANK BUCCIERI was in Chicago on September 11, 1974, and reportedly will be in Milwaukee the weekend of September 14 - 15, 1974.

CG T-2 advised that FRANK BUCCIERI was in Chicago on September 18, 1974. BUCCIERI is reportedly depressed because he has not received the insurance money from the Riverside Restaurant.

CG T-1 further advised in October, 1974, that FRANK BUCCIERI has been back in the Chicago area since the weekend of October 19 - 20, 1974. BUCCIERI has been reportedly seen at the Division Street Lounge in Melrose Park, Giannotti's Restaurant in Forest Park, and the Golden Steer Lounge in Forest Park, Illinois. b6 b7C

CG T-3 advised in August, 1974, that FRANK BUCCIERI was reportedly in Palm Springs, California, for two weeks in the middle of August, 1974.

CG T-3 advised that FRANK BUCCIERI reportedly "has a piece" of well-known entertainers, [redacted] and [redacted]. The source further advised that [redacted] a close associate of FRANK BUCCIERI, has reportedly invested a lot of money in several pieces of real estate in Palm Springs, California. This real estate includes condominiums and several offices around Palm Canyon Boulevard.

CG T-4 advised in August, 1974, that FRANK BUCCIERI had returned to Palm Springs, California, on August 10, 1974, and was trying to buy a restaurant in Palm Springs, California. The source advised that BUCCIERI and SALLY PAPIA bought a house at Canyon County Club, Palm Springs, California. BUCCIERI was reportedly residing at 2090 South Camino Real, Palm Springs, California.

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CG T-2 advised in September, 1974, that FRANK
BUCCIERI and SALLY PAPIA were staying at 2343 Yosemite,
Palm Springs, California.

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Date: 4/4/75

Field Office File #: 92-1998

Bureau File #: 92-6736

Title: FRANK BUCCIARI

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Sources at Chicago advise BUCCIARI has been in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Palm Springs, California area at different times from October 1974 to March, 1975. Subject reportedly has split up with SALLY PAPIA. A house bought by PAPIA reportedly up for sale in Palm Springs. Interview of [redacted] set out. Fire loss claim on Riverside Restaurant not settled as of March, 1975.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in October, 1974 that FRANK BUCCIARI has reportedly been in the Chicago area from the middle of October to the last week of October, 1974. BUCCIARI has been driving a brown and white Cadillac which is registered in Illinois to [redacted] of Moeller Brothers Furniture Company. BUCCIARI reportedly hangs out at Giannotti's Restaurant in Forest Park and the Division Lounge in Melrose Park.

CG T-2 advised in November, 1974 that FRANK BUCCIARI was in Chicago the first week of November, 1974 and was with [redacted] at the Riverside Golf Club. [redacted] has still not settled with the Travellers Insurance Company for the loss of the Riverside Restaurant.

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CG T-1 further advised in November, 1974 that FRANK BUCCIERI and [redacted] played golf on November 8, 1974 at Fresh Meadows Golf Course, Hillside, Illinois. [redacted] reportedly wanted BUCCIERI to attend an insurance hearing regarding the fire at the Riverside Restaurant, but BUCCIERI objected to this and does not want his name used at the hearing. CG T-1 advised that BUCCIERI has reportedly been in contact with [redacted] of Melrose Park. The reason for the contact is unknown.

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CG T-3 advised in November, 1974 that SALLY PAPIA had purchased a house at 2343 Yosemite, Palm Springs, California and that FRANK BUCCIERI is reportedly residing there with PAPIA.

CG T-4 advised in December, 1974 that FRANK BUCCIERI has been meeting in the Milwaukee area with [redacted] from Chicago and other members of the criminal community. CG T-4 advised that BUCCIERI and [redacted] have also met with one [redacted] from the Boston, Massachusetts area.

Investigation by the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Boston and was born [redacted] according to the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

A check of the records of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Boston showed the following information:

Name
Birth
Residence

[redacted] at Boston
[redacted]
[redacted] Boston

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Relatives

Wife

Father

Mother

Occupation

[REDACTED]
Bartender

The record reflected two traffic violations in 1958 and 1963. In 1966 [REDACTED] was charged with assault and battery and received a sentence of one month, House of Corrections. The sentence was reacted in 1967 after appeal.

On January 16, 1975, [REDACTED] Boston, Massachusetts, was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) of the Boston Office. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

[REDACTED] has spent his entire life working as a bartender at bars and clubs. He worked at the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for about six years and made infrequent trips to Chicago and Milwaukee. About ten years ago he met [REDACTED] at some club in Milwaukee. He became good friends with [REDACTED] and that friendship has continued to the present time.

[REDACTED] talked about opening a night club in Milwaukee. [REDACTED] finally opened a club at 1550 North Farwell Street, Milwaukee sometime ago and [REDACTED] is the maitre d'.

[REDACTED] was in Milwaukee in the Fall of 1974. [REDACTED] does not recall ever hearing the name BUCCIARI when he visited Sally's Steak House in Milwaukee. He recalled meeting a person called [REDACTED] who was the uncle of SALLY, and does not know if this person was FRANK BUCCIARI or not.

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CG T-5 advised in December, 1974 that information was received indicating that FRANK BUCCIERI and SALLY PAPIA no longer reside at 2343 Yosemite, Palm Springs, California and there is indication that they have split up. PAPIA is reportedly attempting to sell the house and is residing in an apartment at 2090 South Camino Real, Palm Springs in an apartment supposedly owned by [REDACTED] from Chicago. It is unknown where BUCCIERI is residing.

CG T-1 further advised in February, 1975 that as of February 19, 1975, FRANK BUCCIERI was reportedly in Palm Springs, California.

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CG T-2 further advised in March, 1975 that FRANK BUCCIERI was reportedly at Giannotti's Restaurant the latter part of March, 1975 with JOSEPH FERRIOLA and possibly [REDACTED]

On March 6, 1975, [REDACTED] Property Adjustor, Travellers Insurance Company, 175 West Jackson, Chicago advised that his company has made no settlement or payout to Milor Corporation or [REDACTED] on the claimed loss of the Riverside Restaurant. [REDACTED] has been asked to bring FRANK BUCCIERI to a hearing on the matter, but has refused to do so and maintains that he, [REDACTED] is the only owner.

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(1-ATTN [REDACTED] ALC)

Report of: SA HAROLD K. JOHNSON Office: CHICAGO
Date: DEC 30 1975
Field Office File #: 92-1998 Bureau File #: 92-6736

Title: FRANK BUCCIERI

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Source at Chicago advised in October, 1975, that subject has no residence, Chicago area. Subject observed on 12/10/75 at Rosemont, Illinois, with two unknown males.

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DETAILS

CG T-1 advised in October, 1975, that FRANK BUCCIERI has not been to Chicago for some time and is afraid he will be subpoenaed to testify in the civil suit brought by [REDACTED] against Charter Oaks Fire Insurance Company regarding the destruction by fire of the Riverside Restaurant and Lounge, North Riverside, Illinois. CG T-1 advised that BUCCIERI has no residence in the Chicago area, but in the past has stayed at motels and hotels on occasion.

On December 10, 1975, at 11:40 AM, FRANK BUCCIERI was observed sitting in a restaurant in the Regency Hyatt House, Rosemont, Illinois, by Special Agents (SAs) [REDACTED]. BUCCIERI was accompanied by two white males, ages 30-35, dark complected. These males were observed leaving the area of the Hyatt House later in a red Oldsmobile sedan, bearing 1975 Illinois license plates [REDACTED].

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The above license plate is registered to Four
Star Cleaners, 3115 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois,
on a 1975 Oldsmobile two-door sedan.

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